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Mon 03/02/2020 11:16

Morning [REDACTED]

This is a rapidly growing issue- we have many queries from a wide range of clinicians. We do need guidance for community staff undertaking home visits e.g. Midwives, community teams, social care who need to visit people in home isolation etc.

Most of our community teams and midwives (In England) do not have FFP3 masks and have not undertaken fit testing

Supply chain DHSC call on Friday did explain there is a system as per Pan flu to get masks out this would take approx. 10 days to activate

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HSE IPC meeting Friday 31/1/2020 16.00 UPDATED meeting notes - HSE response



To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] Resilience HSE; [Redacted]

Mon 03/02/2020 13:54



Following your meeting on Friday I'm responding on behalf of [Redacted] who's discussed the points you raised with [Redacted]:

- The approach you suggested is to recommend fluid repellent surgical face masks as part of the PPE for use by primary care staff if, having isolated a patient suspected from symptoms and recent history to have NCoV, the primary carer under extreme circumstances has to provide intervention requiring close contact. Based on your risk assessment, that use of face mask rather than full respiratory protective equipment is proportionate to the risk and practical.
- As a point of clarification to [Redacted] comment, the categorisation of waste and diagnostic samples was not downgraded from Cat A to Cat B. It had not previously been categorised and now is.

If you could copy any follow up queries the resilience@hse.gov.uk group inbox that is helpful to our handling of multiple queries.

Many thanks



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